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In re Application of:

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For: SULFUR ATOM-FREE ENZYME
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Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Rebecca E. PROUTY

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AMENDMENT

Applicant now files a Request for Continued Examination and requisite fee, along with this Amendment. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are filed herewith. This Amendment addresses the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed May 4, 2004 ("Final Action").

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at pages 2 to 7.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments section of this paper at page 8.